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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

REF: MANILA 6012

1. SECRETARY ROMULO IS STILL IN BAGUIO WHERE I REACHED HIM BY TELEPHONE APRIL 16 TO INQUIRE IF THERE IS ANYTHING HE CAN TELL US AT THIS TIME CONCERNING THE GOP RESPONSE TO OUR MESSAGE OF APRIL 14 ABOUT THE VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. ROMULO REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, EXPLAINING THAT HE HAD PASSED OUR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS, BUT NOT RECEIVED ANY REPLY. ROUMUO ADDED THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH THE PRESIDENT AFTER HIS OWN RETURN TO MANILA APRIL 17.

2. I TOOK SEPARATE OCCASION FOR LOW KEY DISCUSSION WITH APPOINTMENT SECRETARY RUIZ ON PERSONAL BASIS CONCERNING WHEN WE MIGHT ANTICIPATE A RESPONSE. (RUIZ EVIDENTIALLY ALREADY AWARE OF SUBSTANCE OF MATTER, LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT IN ADDITION TO DETAINEE ASPECT PALCE CONCERN MAY BE PRINCIPALLY THAT ANY OTHER MEETINGS "NOT TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC.") RUIZ OFFERED TO CHECK INTO THE STATE OF PALY AND LET ME KNOW.

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3. ROMULO, CURRENTLY A PRINCIPAL PROPONENT OF STANDING UP TO THE US, MAY NOT HAVE WISHED TO EXERT HIMSELF OVER THE WEEKEND TO EXPEDITE PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO OUR APRIL 14 MESSAGE. MOREOVER, I WOULD NOT PUT IT PAST ROMULO TO HAVE STIFFENED MARCOS' PRIOR MESSAGE FROM "NOT TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC" TO "NO DEALINGS" AT ALL. IN ANY EVENT, WE SEEM TO HAVE A REASONABLE GOOD CHANCE

OF RECEIVING MARCOS' RESPONSE ON APRIL 17.
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